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(SALT TWO-1675)

SUMMARY: SIDES DISCUSSED U.S. PROPOSAL ON HEAVY BOMBER
DEFINITION. KARPOV ASKED FOR FURTHER EXPLANATION OF
MEANING OF FRODS AND OF PHRASE "MISSION OF A HEAVY
BOMBER." PEREZ EXPLAINED RATIONALE FOR U.S. PROPOSAL.
KARPOV TABLED WORKING PAPER WITH SLIGHTLY REVISED
WORDING FOR ARTICLE II, PARAGRAPH 6 (CRUISE MISSILE RANGE
DEFINITION). PEREZ NOTED SIDES STILL REMAIN FAR APART
ON RESOLUTION OF DEFINITION. END SUMMARY.

1. SIDES CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF NEW U.S. PROPOSAL ON
HEAVY BOMBER DEFINITION. KARPOV ASKED FOR MEANING OF
FRODS APPROACH AND WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN HOW
IT DIFFERS FROM SOVIET PROPOSAL, NOTING THAT THERE MAY
BE NO DIFFERENCE AT ALL. PEREZ DREW UPON MARCH 30
PLENARY STATEMENT TO PROVIDE RATIONALE FOR U.S. PROPOSAL.
HE NOTED THAT IT IS MORE COMPREHENSIVE THAN SOVIET
PROPOSAL, BUT THAT THERE ARE SOME SIMILARITIES. MCNEILL

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POINTED OUT THAT SOVIET PROPOSAL LOOKS FOR DIFFERENCES
WHICH SHOW THAT AIRPLANE IS EQUIPPED FOR PURPOSES
OTHER THAN THAT OF A HEAVY BOMBER, WHEREAS U.S. PROPOSAL
LOOKS FOR FRODS SHOWING THAT AIRPLANE CANNOT PERFORM
THE MISSION OF A HEAVY BOMBER.

2. KARPOV THEN INITIATED LONG DISCUSSION OF THE MEANING

OF PHRASE "MISSION OF A HEAVY BOMBER" IN U.S. PROPOSAL, ASKING WHETHER THIS IS SAME CONCEPT AS "CAPABILITIES" AND HOW IT DIFFERS FROM SOVIET APPROACH. KARPOV RECALLED EARLIER DISCUSSIONS OF "CHARACTERISTICS" VS. "CAPABILITIES" AND ASKED RATIONALE FOR "MISSION." PEREZ RESPONDED THAT U.S. HAD INFORMALLY PROPOSED TERM EARLIER IN HOPE IT COULD BRIDGE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SIDES AND HAD NOT RECEIVED NEGATIVE RESPONSE FROM SOVIET SIDE. PEREZ SAID FURTHER DISCUSSION IN FUTURE WOULD BE USEFUL AND URGED CAREFUL SOVIET CONSIDERATION OF U.S. PROPOSAL.

3. KARPOV THEN PROVIDED WORKING PAPER WITH REVISED AGREED STATEMENT TO ARTICLE II, PARAGRAPH 6 AS FOLLOWS:

"THE PARTIES AGREE THAT THE RANGE OF A CRUISE MISSILE IS THE MAXIMUM DISTANCE WHICH CAN BE COVERED BY THE MISSILE IN ITS STANDARD DESIGN MODE FLYING UNTIL FUEL EXHAUSTION, DETERMINED BY PROJECTION OF ITS FLIGHT PATH ONTO THE EARTH'S SPHERE FROM THE POINT OF LAUNCH TO THE POINT OF IMPACT."

IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION BY PEREZ, KARPOV CONFIRMED THAT FLIGHT PATH IS PROJECTED ONTO IDEALIZED SPHERE, NOT ACTUAL TERRAIN. IN EXCHANGE WITH FREW, KARPOV SAID STANDARD DESIGN MODE ENVISAGES OPERATION OF ON-BOARD MECHANISMS AND SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO FUEL EXHAUSTION WAS
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MADE TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF EARLIER DISCUSSIONS. HE ALSO MADE CLEAR THAT VERTICAL MANEUVERS ARE NOT TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BECAUSE THEY ARE RELATIVELY INSIGNIFICANT IN DETERMINING RANGE. PEREZ OBSERVED THAT THE SIDES STILL REMAIN FAR APART ON CRUISE MISSILE RANGE DEFINITION.

4. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FRIDAY, APRIL 7. EARLE

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